

July 9, 2023

“You Are My Witnesses”

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

GATHERING MUSIC

Sonata No. 1 Adagio Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Assisting Minister: This is the day the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Assisting Minister: We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit,

**All: We give thanks for this time to worship, and we know God is
with us here!**

OPENING HYMN #526 vv 1 & 3 *God Is Here!*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Assisting Minister: O Lord, we count on your mercy, because we
continually fall short of who you call us to be.

**All: Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts.
Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.**

(pause for reflection)

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we turn from our sin
and live in the freedom of God's love.

All: Amen!

SONG OF RESPONSE #526 vv 2 & 4 *GOD IS HERE!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org

Altar Flowers: Given by Herb and Kathy Palmer, "In celebration of their 50th wedding Anniversary."

Baptismal Font Flowers: Given by Madeline and Molly Hartmann,
"In celebration of Tobias' baptism."

(8:15) Conversation Café today, LIRS + Conversation Café next weekend, Sunday Matinee

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Day Camp Blessing + Diaper Drive

SCRIPTURE READING... PSALM 145:8-21 NRSV

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and

Assisting Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

#513 Chorus, Vs 1, Chorus ***Listen, God is Calling***

HOLY GOSPEL...MATTHEW 11:1-15 NRSV

Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities. When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?”

Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came; and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. Let anyone with ears listen!

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

#513 Chorus, Vs 2, Chorus ***Listen, God is Calling***

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG

#249 vv 1, 2, 4, 5 ***On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry***

8:15 APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

10:45 **HOLY BAPTISM**

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Tobias James Hartmann, son of Madeline and Molly Hartmann, brother to Coraline. Tobias was born on March 5, 2023. His baptismal sponsors are: Thomas Dabney Carr and Chelsie Alaina Bilger.

(Children are invited forward to celebrate God's gift of baptism)



10:45 **SONG OF RESPONSE** 2x ***WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: shephills.org/give.
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746

MISSION MOMENT Dr. Debbie Cottrell, TLU President

OFFERING MUSIC

SONG WITHOUT WORDS **FELIX MENDELSSOHN**

PRAYER OF THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day
our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION INVITATION

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the
Risen presence of Jesus.

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and
promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;
Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

COMMUNION MUSIC Judy Haugen, Lauren Dow Wegner and Tara Grove

LIFT THINE EYES **FELIX MENDELSSOHN**

SONG WITHOUT WORDS IN E **FELIX MENDELSSOHN**

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #858 vv 1 & 4 ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy.

All: Jesus will give us rest.

Assisting Minister: Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace.

All: Christ will give us peace.

Assisting Minister: Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus.

All: For our Savior will give us rest in our souls.

Assisting Minister: Let us go out with this assurance to love and serve the Lord..

All: Thanks be to God. And, we will!

POSTLUDE *Sonata No.2 – March* Felix Mendelssohn

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Nancy Etzler.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Krista Bowers, niece of Herb and Kathy Palmer.

Stirling Johnson, granddaughter of Sylvia & Curtis Johnson.

Suzanne Doughty, friend of Dawn Paulson.

We pray in celebration for the baptism of Tobias James Hartmann. He is the son of Madeline and Molly Hartmann, brother to Coraline.

We give thanks for the witness of the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life, especially Mogga Dogale, son of Flora Lado. We pray for Flora and family, Ruth and Tom Felger as they grieve this loss. Give comfort and peace to those who mourn, and a sure trust in the promise of resurrection life.

We pray for our 14 day campers and the day camp staff who will lead them in songs, games, Bible studies, and prayer this week at Day Camp. Bless these students and camp counselors with health, safety, and the gift of community as they learn and grow in faith!

Merciful and Loving God, as war and violence rage in Ukraine and other parts of the world, we pray that leaders of the world will practice peace-making, bringing together people of every tribe and race under the umbrella of your amazing grace.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

We pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All, and Upbring Ministries.

We pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,
unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Acolyte	(10:45) Jonathan Davies
Altar Flowers:	Given by Herb and Kathy Palmer, "In celebration of our 50th wedding Anniversary."
Baptismal Font Flowers:	Given by Madeline and Molly Hartmann, "In celebration of Tobias' baptism."
Altar Steward	(8:15) Sandy Wikelius; (10:45) Dawn Buffington
Assisting Minister	(8:15) Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Herb Palmer

Flute Kristina Bishop

AV Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols,
Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert

Bread Kitt Richter

Communion Assistant

(8:15) Larry and Sandy Wikelius, Joel Timmons

(10:45) Herb and Kathy Palmer, Jonathan Davies

Food For Fellowship The Wissman Family

Hosts (8:15) Rick Burnight; (10:45) Virginia Bosman, Connie Astrachan

Tellers (10:45) Virginia Bosman, Connie Astrachan

Admin Ministry Coordinator Amanda Forsberg

Campus Operations Dave Wegner

Communications Director Dabney Gomes

Program Ministry Coordinator Joel Timmons

Executive Director Bill Dawson

Finance Controller Kevin Marlow

Children's Ministry Coordinator (Interim) Megan Getman

Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director Rebecca Guengerich

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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